

REMARKS


As indicated in the Action dated February 17, 2004, claims 1-8, 10-12 and 14-35 are allowed. Applicants have included an abstract, which is similar to the abstract that was published with the International Application. No new matter has been added. Submission of the Abstract meets the requirements of the Action and Applicants request that the objection to the Specification be withdrawn.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. 10105701 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,



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